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The references listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report dated October 5, 1999 in a counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed, along with a Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).

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